

Trade Memo



To: **OUR VALUE CLIENTS**
From: Paul Courtney
Date: December 31, 1998
Re: **Solid Wood Packing and Dunnage Inspection Program 1999**



Due to the interception of the **Asian Long-Horned Beetle** entering Canada, as of January 4th, 1999, all shipments from China including the Hong Kong Administrative Region (HKSAR) with pallets, crating, dunnage or other packaging materials made from non-manufactured wood products must be treated in an approved manner and accompanied by a **Phytosanitary Certificate**.

All **other** shipments from China and Hong Kong will require the following statement on the bill of lading and the ship's manifest:

"This shipment, including its container, does not contain any non-manufactured wooden material, dunnage, bracing material, pallets, crating or other non-manufactured wooden packing material!"

Furthermore, in order to combat this threat, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has instituted an **examination program** for Ocean shipments. This program will run very similar to the drug interdiction program administered by Customs. Shipments will be brought to an off-dock location for examination. When the examination is completed the importer/broker will be responsible for paying the costs associated. The costs associated with these exams should be about one-half the cost of a drug interdiction examination.

Please educate all your suppliers and agents overseas accordingly to minimize delays and costs for you at time of import. All possible efforts are being made to educate all overseas government departments and trading groups involved. For specifics relating to your circumstances, please do not hesitate to call me for further details.

All of us at Courtney Agencies wish you and your family a very Happy Holidays.

Best Regards,

Paul Courtney